

# **TIVERTON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

Regular meeting minutes: October 24, 2007

## **1: Call to order**

Chairman Cecil Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Tiverton Town Hall.

Members present: Laura Epke, Diane Harris, Bob Koohy, Cecil Leonard, Frank Marshall, Ray Medeiros, Deb Pallasch, Stanley Zeramby

Members absent: Richard Joslin

## **2: Approval of minutes**

Change noted by L. Epke. Motion made by L. Epke to approve amended minutes for Oct. 10, 2007. Motion seconded by D. Harris. Motion passed unanimously.

## **3. Receive comments from invited groups/individuals**

Secretary noted that Chair of the School Committee called and indicated that school representatives would be present at the Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Historic Cemetary Commission – No one present.

Zoning Board – No one present.

## **4. Public Input**

None

## **5. Public Forum publicity**

Discussed article in the Projo and comments made by C. Leonard.

## **6. Preliminary Commission discussion re: input for proposed changes**

A list was distributed to all members of the proposed changes to date still under consideration.

Based on discussion, D. Harris made a motion with L. Epke seconding to remove item #13, "Town Treasurer and Town Clerk made full-time positions by charter," from consideration at this time.

D. Harris, F. Marshall, S. Zeramby, R. Medeiros and D. Pallasch voted in favor of the motion, with B. Koohy and C. Leonard opposed. Motion passed.

## **7. Addt'l Information on Other Town Methods for Budget Submission**

D. Pallasch passed out Portsmouth's proposed changes. Discussion ensued regarding number of signatures needed to bring an item to ballot. The Chair of the Board of Elections noted that Portsmouth requires 10% of eligible voter to sign and those signatures to be verified within two weeks. He felt that time frame was too burdensome and that the number was too high. His suggestion was 200 required signatures. L. Epke noted that a percentage versus a hard number should be used so that as the town grows the number would grow accordingly. No action was taken.

## **8. Other Business**

Secretary noted that an email correspondence was received for the Planning Board indicating that members would be in attendance at the Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to comment on the charter. They will be appearing as individuals with no formal board submission.

L. Epke handed out a document that indicated all sections of the current charter in which the financial town meeting is noted. Members will review for future discussion.

## **9. Adjournment**

The Commission's October 24, 2007 regular meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes recorded and compiled by Deborah Pallasch, Secretary.